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According to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs:

- There are approximately 25 million Veterans currently alive. Personal bankruptcy filings in this country remain at historic highs.
- About a quarter of the nation's population - nearly 70 million people - are potentially eligible for VA benefits because they are Veterans, family members, or survivors of Veterans.
- There are nearly 100,000 Veterans in Franklin County, Ohio.

Resources for Veterans

"The nation which forgets its defenders will be itself forgotten." -Calvin Coolidge, 30th President of the United States

Over the years, the brave men and women of the Armed Forces have fought and defended our freedom and the American way of life. Many of those Veterans reside in Franklin County and are not receiving the benefits they deserve.

In an effort to make it easier for Veterans and their families to access the information they need to secure benefits and programs that are available, we compiled a brief list of federal, state, and local resources. These include:

- Health Care & Prescriptions - 1-877-222-8387
- Disability Benefits - 1-800-827-1000
- Dependent's and Survivors' Benefits - 1-800-827-1000
- Home Loans - 1-800-827-1000

Central Ohio Veterans have access to state-of-the-art health care at the Chalmers P. Wylie Outpatient Clinic, which provides "a full range of ambulatory healthcare services." It is located at 543 Taylor Avenue, Columbus, OH, 43203. You can call the Clinic at 614-257-5200.

The Columbus Vet Center #221 (located at 30 Spruce Street) provides counseling and benefits assistance to eligible Veterans and their families. You can call the Vet Center at 614-257-5550.

Federal Government

The Department of Veterans Affairs provides "primary care, specialized care, and related medical and social support services." Their website is: <http://www.va.gov/index.htm>.

MyHealtheVet is the Veterans Health Administration's Health Portal. Via the Internet, it allows Veterans and their families to access "health information, tools and services anywhere in the world."

To obtain "A Summary of VA Benefits" from the Department of Veteran's Affairs," go to: <http://www.vba.va.gov/bln/21/summaryVAbenefits.pdf>. The State of Ohio The Governor's Office of Veterans Affairs coordinates with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and oversees the 88 County Veterans Service offices in Ohio. It is also responsible for the Ohio Veterans Plaza and the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame, and works with many other organizations to provide information and assistance to Veterans. Call 614-644-0898 or visit their website: <http://veteransaffairs.ohio.gov>

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The Veteran's Service Division of the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services provides information on programs and services for Veterans. Visit their website: <http://www.odjfs.state.oh.us/veterans/index.asp> or call 1-800-253-4060.

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The Franklin County Veterans Services Commission provides advice and help to Veterans, active-duty members of the Armed Forces, and their spouse, surviving spouse, dependent parents, and dependents in obtaining benefits and entitlements from federal, state and local agencies. Call them at 614-462-2500 or visit the website: <http://www.franklincountyohio.gov/vets/>

Veterans may safeguard their important discharge papers at no cost. Original documents or certified copies of military discharge certificates and DD-214 forms may be presented for filing in the Franklin County Recorder's office. For more information, call 614-462-3930 or visit their website: <http://www.franklincountyohio.gov/recorder/>

